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- At Christmas 1953, source's friends in Tabor (O 50/L 01) said that the large barracks installations in the fork formed by the highways to Prague and Pisek (N 50/L 69), northwest of the city, were called Stalin Barracks. When source was on active military service, the eastern installation was called the Zizka Barracks and the western installation was called Benes Barracks. After 1945, the Zizka Barracks was extended by hutments which were constructed north of the installation. In December 1953, four large apartment houses, which were occupied by officers and their dependents, were east of the installation on the east side of Prager Street.

In December 1953, a motorized infantry unit was quartered in the Zizka Barracks. Prior to May 1953, a motorized artillery unit was also located in the same installation. The troops quartered in all the billets were estimated to be at least in regimental strength.

The occupation of the large headquarters building which formed the southeastern corner of the installation and formerly housed a military district headquarters was unknown. Prior to May 1953, small tank detachments frequently left the former Benes barracks which was partitioned from the Zizka Barracks by a street. In December 1953, sentries who stood guard in front of this installation wore red-bordered black epaulets. Source's friends said that there was no change in the troops quartered in this installation from May to December 1953. In November and December 1953, heavy imprints of track-laying vehicles were observed on the station training ground which was located south of the road to Pisek and west of the community of Alokoty (O 50/L 91). No buildings or other installations were observed in this area. 1
- Prior to the spring of 1953, tanks travelling in both directions were frequently observed on the road from Tabor to Jistebnice (O 50/L 92). Local residents said that the castle south of

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Jistebnice which was located in a large park, as well as the farm buildings which belonged to it, were occupied by tank troops. Prior to the spring of 1953, large quantities of underwear were regularly supplied to the laundry of the Tabor prison from Jistebnice.

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3. Also prior to May 1953, another military unit, which was stationed at the Madenin (O 50/L 10) castle east of Tabor, took its underwear, linen and uniforms to the prison laundry. The number of the garments and the fatigue uniforms and drivers' overalls, which were badly soiled with grease and oil, indicated that this unit had about 150 soldiers. Women prisoners said that, around the first half of 1950, they were ordered completely to clean the castle which was not yet occupied by troops at that time. ³
4. Prior to December 1953, the former tobacco factory in the borough of Nové Město southwest of the Tabor railroad station was used as a military supply depot. Soldiers and officers who wore black service color were frequently observed at the site. Boxcars frequently entered the installation by the railroad spur track. The total of soldiers employed at the installation was estimated to be between 50 and 80 men. Boxes were frequently observed being loaded onto or unloaded from freight cars. There was no indication that the installation would be used as a ration supply depot. Items stored at the site allegedly included clothing. ⁴
5. In December 1953, three or four large hutments which quartered soldiers were observed for the last time on the edge of the woods south of the road to Písek about 1.5 km west of Drhovice (O 50/L 91). A newly constructed and well-surfaced road led from the highway to the south into the woods. It was known that heavy construction activity in this area was in progress for a long time, but no further details were observed from the road. An ammunition depot had been allegedly constructed there. ⁵ Another six or seven hutments were observed at the exit of Drhovice, north of the road to Písek. Local residents said that still more hutments were scheduled to be constructed at this site which, on 23 December 1953, was inspected by about 25 Czech artillery and administrative officers who arrived by bus. Prior to December 1953, an old station ammunition depot, which included two large hutments supported by brick foundation walls and surrounded by wire fences, was located in the woods between Všeňov (O 50/L 91) and Dražice (O 50/L 91), north of the road to Písek. The large basements of the Rožnov castle in the old city of Tabor were allegedly used as military store rooms. In April 1953, one of the largest military fuel depots in Czechoslovakia was allegedly located in the woods northwest of Domasín (O 50/L 14). ⁵
6. The galleries under construction at the slope on the road to Muglinov (P 50/O 59) in the northern sector of Ostrava (P 50/O 59) were last observed in January 1954. At that time, no construction activity was observed at the southern and the northern entrance which allowed no access to the interior of

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the hill. There only was a large tunnel-shaped approach, which was about 2 meters wide and almost 2 meters high. Only a few inhabited buildings were in the entire area around this installation. Bombproof rooms to house manufacturing installations were presumably being built in the interior of the hill. Building materials stored at a yard near the building site included numerous props. On the occasion of several visits to Ostrava prior to February 1954, no tank troops were observed or mentioned as being in the city.

1. Comment. The present information agrees with several previous reports. It is known that the large headquarters building is occupied by the headquarters of the 4th Tank Div, and that the Beres Barracks quarters the 18th Tank Regt and the 4th Tank Tng Bn. The units stationed at the Ziska Barracks cannot be identified since the 104th Mecz Regt which is the only infantry unit of the 4th Tank Div has been confirmed in Jince prior to the summer of 1952, and the artillery and the mortar regiment are known to be stationed at Pribram and Rozmital.
2. Comment. The engineer battalion of the 4th Tank Div has been confirmed in Jistebnice until the summer of 1952. It is undetermined whether this unit has been exchanged.
3. Comment. This unit is reported for the first time. A component unit of the 4th Sig Bn from Hroby is possibly stationed there.
4. Comment. It was previously stated that this installation was occupied by the 14th Tank Regt in the summer of 1952.
5. Comment. The ammunition depot in Brhovice, the large fuel depot in Domasin and the galleries under construction in Ostrava are known.

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